



STATE OF CONNECTICUT  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Connecticut Apprenticeship and Education Committee  
May 10, 2021  
2:00 p.m.-3 p.m.  
WebEx-Call in

The meeting for Apprenticeship and Education was held on May 10, 2021, via WebEx. The meeting convened at 2:09 p.m., and the following members were present:

Present:

Dr. Melissa Hickey, Co-chair, Connecticut State Department of Education  
Dr. James Lombella, Co-chair, Northwest Regional President, CT Comm. Colleges  
Margaret Van Cott, Executive Assistant to the Regional Presidents  
Todd Berch, Connecticut Department of Labor  
Lawrence Covino, Adult Education-Bristol Preparatory Academy  
Kathy Marioni, CETC  
Roxanne Amiot, CTECS Bullard-Havens Tech  
Tracy Ariel, Manchester and Middlesex Community Colleges  
Beth Trenchard, Department of Economics and Community Development  
Richard Dupont, Housatonic Community College  
Karen Woscyna-Birch, CT COT/TxCC  
Mary Bidwell, Asnuntuck/Tunxis Community College

Absent:

Juliette Khan, CT Department of Labor  
Cyndi Zoldy, Small Manufacturers Assoc. of CT and Women in Manufacturing  
Jack Traver  
Mary Bidwell, Asnuntuck/Tunxis Community College  
Cliff Thermer, Goodwin University  
Cristina Stisser, CTECS  
Alyce Stiles, CCAT  
Matthew Conway, Derby Public Schools

**I. Call to Order-2:09 p.m.**

**II. Approval of Minutes from March 8, 2021**

Motion to approve the minutes with no changes, edits, or deletions by Todd Berch, seconded by Rich Dupont. All in favor, no one abstained.

**III. Workgroup Updates**

- A. Report will be shared with Committee members, and all changes need to be back to Melissa Hickey by Friday, May 14, 2021.
- B. Todd Berch gave an update on the Best Practices Guide. The COVID situation created some obstacles to working on the Best Practices Guide but workgroup is meeting and updating.

**IV. Other Topics**

During week of May 23, 2021, the final draft July 2021 report will be e-mailed to all Committee members for final review and request to move forward.

Next Committee meeting will be June 21, 2021, at 2:00 pm, via WebEx.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Todd Berch and seconded by Rich Dupont at 2:26 p.m.